

Spelling list: *al* as a suffix

If you add suffix to the end of a base word, it creates a new word with a modified meaning.

The words in this list include the suffix *-al* , which comes from Latin and is commonly used to form adjectives that describe characteristics, qualities, actions, or processes associated with a particular noun.

As *-al* is a *vowel suffix* , any vowel at the end of a *root word* is removed before the suffix is added. For example: *arrive - e = arriv-* , *arriv-* + *-al = arrival* .

If the *root word* doesn't end in a vowel, no change needs to be made before the suffix is added. For example: *intention + -al = intentional* .

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| arrival | The arrival of the Queen was marked by a fanfare. |
| bridal | Her bridal gown was spectacular. |
| burial | The church had several burial grounds. |
| central | The bank was fairly central in the city. |
| comical | The clown's act was very comical . |
| emotional | He made an emotional appeal for information. |
| global | Is global warming the cause of climate change? |
| intentional | It was a grotesque and intentional act of violence. |
| international | The country relies on international trade. |
| magical | Aladdin flew on a magical carpet. |
| national | When the prince married, there was a national holiday. |
| optional | Participation is optional . |
| personal | My teacher takes a personal interest in my progress. |
| seasonal | The city had many seasonal visitors. |
| survival | Water is essential for survival . |
| topical | It was a topical debate. |

tropical

Tropical plants can be hard to keep alive in cold countries.